

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

*Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A document classification system for classifying a document based on contents of the document of which contents contains a plurality of items, said document classification system comprising:*

*inputting means for inputting document data corresponding to the document data;*

*displaying means for displaying the items of the document data input by said inputting means;*

*designating means for designating at least one of the items contained in the document input by said inputting means displayed in said displaying means;*

*converting means for converting the document data into converted data so that the converted data contains only data corresponding to the item designated by said designating means; and*

*classifying means for classifying the document by using the converted data produced by said converting means.*

*Claim 2 (Original): The document classification system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said classifying means includes document vector producing means for producing a feature vector representing a feature of the converted data so as to classify the document in accordance with the feature vector produced by said document vector producing means.*

*Claim 3 (Original): The document classification system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said converting means includes separation sign inserting means for inserting a*

predetermined sign between sets of data corresponding to the items so as to facilitate separation of each data corresponding to each item in the converted data.

Claims 4-6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A processor readable medium storing program code causing a computer to classify a document based on contents of the document of which contents contains a plurality of items, comprising:

first program code means for inputting document data corresponding to the document data;

second program code means for displaying the items of the document data input by said first program code means;

second third program code means for designating at least one of the items contained in the document displayed by the second program code means;

third fourth program code means for converting the document data into converted data so that the converted data contains only data corresponding to the item designated by the second third program code means; and

fourth fifth program code means for classifying the document by using the converted data produced by the third fourth program code means.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The processor readable medium as claimed in claim 7, wherein the fourth fifth program code means includes fifth sixth program code means for producing a feature vector representing a feature of the converted data so as to classify the document in accordance with the feature vector.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The processor readable medium as claimed in claim 7, wherein the third fourth program code means includes sixth seventh program code means for inserting a predetermined sign between sets of data corresponding to the items so as to facilitate separation of each data corresponding to each item in the converted data.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A document classification system for classifying a document according to contents of the document, said document classification system comprising:

input means for inputting document data of the document;  
analyzing means for analyzing the document data so as to obtain analysis information;  
vector producing means for producing a document feature vector with respect to the document data based on the analysis information;  
transforming function calculating means for calculating a representation transforming function used for projecting the document feature vector onto a space in which similarity between the document feature vectors is reflected with a dimensional number different from a dimensional number of the document feature vector;  
vector transforming means for transforming the document feature vector by using the representation transforming function;  
classification means for classifying the document based on similarity between the document feature vectors transformed by the vector transforming means; and  
classification result storing means for storing a result of classification performed by the classification means.

Claim 11 (Original): The document classification system as claimed in claim 10, further comprising inner product calculating means for calculating an inner product between

the document feature vectors, wherein said representation transforming function calculating means calculates the representation transforming function by using the inner product.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): ~~The document classification system as claimed in claim 11, further comprising~~ A document classification system for classifying a document according to contents of the document, said document classification system comprising:

input means for inputting document data of the document;

analyzing means for analyzing the document data so as to obtain analysis information;

vector producing means for producing a document feature vector with respect to the document data based on the analysis information;

transforming function calculating means for calculating a representation transforming function used for projecting the document feature vector onto a space in which similarity between the document feature vectors is reflected;

vector transforming means for transforming the document feature vector by using the representation transforming function;

classification means for classifying the document based on similarity between the document feature vectors transformed by the vector transforming means;

classification result storing means for storing a result of classification performed by the classification means;

inner product calculating means for calculating an inner product between the document feature vectors, wherein said representation transforming function calculating means calculates the representation transforming function by using the inner product; and

document similarity information setting means for setting document similarity setting information including data representing an author of the document and a date of production of the document, wherein said representation transforming function calculating means

calculates the representation transforming function by using the inner product and the document similarity information.

Claim 13 (Original): The document classification system as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:

vector storing means for storing the document feature vector produced by said vector producing means; and

transforming function storing means for storing the representation transforming function calculated by said representation transforming function calculating means.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): ~~The document classification system as claimed in claim 10, further comprising A document classification system for classifying a document according to contents of the document, said document classification system comprising:~~

input means for inputting document data of the document;

analyzing means for analyzing the document data so as to obtain analysis information;

vector producing means for producing a document feature vector with respect to the document data based on the analysis information;

transforming function calculating means for calculating a representation transforming function used for projecting the document feature vector onto a space in which similarity between the document feature vectors is reflected;

vector transforming means for transforming the document feature vector by using the representation transforming function;

classification means for classifying the document based on similarity between the document feature vectors transformed by the vector transforming means;

classification result storing means for storing a result of classification performed by the classification means; and

vector correcting means for correcting the document feature vector before the document feature vector is transformed by said vector transforming means, a correction being performed by processing one of the document feature vector and a feature dimension constituting the document feature vector in accordance with a rule established by characteristics of words extracted by said analyzing means.

Claim 15 (Original): The document classification system as claimed in claim 14, further comprising transforming function correcting means for correcting the representation transforming function calculated by said transforming function calculating means when the feature dimension is changed due to a correction of the document feature vector by said vector correcting means so that the document feature vector is transformed by said vector transforming means in accordance with the changed feature dimension.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The document classification system as claimed in claim 10, further comprising: A document classification system for classifying a document according to contents of the document, said document classification system comprising:

input means for inputting document data of the document;  
analyzing means for analyzing the document data so as to obtain analysis information;  
vector producing means for producing a document feature vector with respect to the document data based on the analysis information;  
transforming function calculating means for calculating a representation transforming function used for projecting the document feature vector onto a space in which similarity between the document feature vectors is reflected;

vector transforming means for transforming the document feature vector by using the representation transforming function;

classification means for classifying the document based on similarity between the document feature vectors transformed by the vector transforming means;

classification-result storing means for storing a result of classification performed by the classification means;

transforming function correction instructing means for sending an instruction regarding a process to be applied on a feature dimension of the representation transforming function; and

transforming function correcting means for correcting the representation transforming function based on a content of the instruction sent from said transforming function correction instructing means.

Claim 17 (Original): The document classification system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the process indicated in the content of the instruction is performed by using data of an arbitrary document vector.

Claim 18 (Original): The document classification system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the process indicated in the content of the instruction is performed by using the document feature vectors.

Claim 19 (Original): The document classification system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the process indicated in the content of the instruction is performed by using the analysis information obtained by said analyzing means.

Claim 20 (Original): The document classification system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the process indicated in the content of the instruction is performed by using the result of classification stored in said classification-result storing means.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): ~~The document classification system as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:~~ A document classification system for classifying a document according to contents of the document, said document classification system comprising:

input means for inputting document data of the document;

analyzing means for analyzing the document data so as to obtain analysis information;  
vector producing means for producing a document feature vector with respect to the document data based on the analysis information;

transforming function calculating means for calculating a representation transforming function used for projecting the document feature vector onto a space in which similarity between the document feature vectors is reflected;

vector transforming means for transforming the document feature vector by using the representation transforming function;

classification means for classifying the document based on similarity between the document feature vectors transformed by the vector transforming means;

classification result storing means for storing a result of classification performed by the classification means;

an initial cluster centroid designating means for designating an initial cluster centroid; and

initial cluster centroid registering means for registering the initial cluster centroid designated by said initial cluster centroid designating means,

wherein said classification means classifies the document in accordance with the initial cluster centroid registered by said initial cluster centroid registering means.

Claim 22 (Original): The document classification system as claimed in claim 21, wherein the initial cluster centroid designated by said initial cluster centroid designating means is arbitrary document vector data.

Claim 23 (Original): The document classification system as claimed in claim 21, wherein the initial cluster centroid designated by said initial cluster centroid designating means is the document feature vector.

Claim 24 (Original): The document classification system as claimed in claim 21, wherein the initial cluster centroid designated by said initial cluster centroid designating means is the analysis information obtained by said analyzing means.

Claim 25 (Original): The document classification system as claimed in claim 21, wherein the initial cluster centroid designated by said initial cluster centroid designating means is the result of classification stored by said classification-result storing means.

Claims 26-41 (Canceled).

Claim 42 (Currently Amended): A processor readable medium storing program code causing a computer to classify a document according to contents of the document, comprising:

first program code means for inputting document data of the document;

second program code means for analyzing the document data so as to obtain analysis information;

third program code means for producing a document feature vector with respect to the document data based on the analysis information;

fourth program code means for calculating a representation transforming function used for projecting the document feature vector onto a space in which similarity between the document feature vectors is reflected with a dimensional number different from a dimensional number of the document feature vector;

fifth program code means for transforming the document feature vector by using the representation transforming function;

sixth program code means for classifying the document based on similarity between the document feature vectors transformed by the fifth program code means; and

seventh program code means for storing a result of classification performed by the classification means.

Claim 43 (Original): The processor readable medium as claimed in claim 42, further comprising eighth program code means for calculating an inner product between the document feature vectors, wherein the representation transforming function is calculated by using the inner product.

Claim 44 (Currently Amended): The processor readable medium as claimed in claim 43, further comprising A processor readable medium storing program code causing a computer to classify a document according to contents of the document, comprising:

first program code means for inputting document data of the document;

second program code means for analyzing the document data so as to obtain analysis information;

third program code means for producing a document feature vector with respect to the document data based on the analysis information;

fourth program code means for calculating a representation transforming function used for projecting the document feature vector onto a space in which similarity between the document feature vectors is reflected;

fifth program code means for transforming the document feature vector by using the representation transforming function;

sixth program code means for classifying the document based on similarity between the document feature vectors transformed by the fifth program code means;

seventh program code means for storing a result of classification performed by the classification means;

eighth program code means for calculating an inner product between the document feature vectors, wherein the representation transforming function is calculated by using the inner product; and

ninth program code means for setting document similarity setting information including data representing an author of the document and a date of production of the document, wherein the representation transforming function is calculated by using the inner product and the document similarity information.

Claim 45 (Original): The processor readable medium as claimed in claim 42, further comprising:

tenth program code means for storing the document feature vector produced by the third program code means; and

eleventh program code means for storing the representation transforming function calculated by the fourth program code means.

Claim 46 (Currently Amended): ~~The processor readable medium as claimed in claim 42, further comprising~~ A processor readable medium storing program code causing a computer to classify a document according to contents of the document, comprising:

first program code means for inputting document data of the document;

second program code means for analyzing the document data so as to obtain analysis information;

third program code means for producing a document feature vector with respect to the document data based on the analysis information;

fourth program code means for calculating a representation transforming function used for projecting the document feature vector onto a space in which similarity between the document feature vectors is reflected;

fifth program code means for transforming the document feature vector by using the representation transforming function;

sixth program code means for classifying the document based on similarity between the document feature vectors transformed by the fifth program code means;

seventh program code means for storing a result of classification performed by the classification means; and

~~twelfth~~ eighth program code means for correcting the document feature vector before the document feature vector is transformed by the fifth program code means, a correction being performed by processing one of the document feature vector and a feature dimension constituting the document feature vector in accordance with a rule established by characteristics of words extracted by the second program code means.

Claim 47 (Currently Amended): The processor, readable medium as claimed in claim 46, further comprising ~~thirteenth ninth~~ program code means for correcting the representation transforming function calculated by the fourth program code means when the feature dimension is changed due to a correction of the document feature vector by the ~~twelfth eighth~~ program code means so that the document feature vector is transformed by the fifth program code means in accordance with the changed feature dimension.

Claim 48 (Currently Amended): ~~The processor readable medium as claimed in claim 42, further comprising:~~ A processor readable medium storing program code causing a computer to classify a document according to contents of the document, comprising:

first program code means for inputting document data of the document;

second program code means for analyzing the document data so as to obtain analysis information;

third program code means for producing a document feature vector with respect to the document data based on the analysis information;

fourth program code means for calculating a representation transforming function used for projecting the document feature vector onto a space in which similarity between the document feature vectors is reflected;

fifth program code means for transforming the document feature vector by using the representation transforming function;

sixth program code means for classifying the document based on similarity between the document feature vectors transformed by the fifth program code means;

seventh program code means for storing a result of classification performed by the classification means;

~~fourteenth eighth~~ program code means for sending an instruction regarding a process to be applied on a feature dimension of the representation transforming function; and

~~fifteenth ninth~~ program code means for correcting the representation transforming function based on a content of the instruction sent by the ~~fourteenth eighth~~ program code means.

Claim 49 (Currently Amended): ~~The processor readable medium as claimed in claim 42, further comprising:~~ A processor readable medium storing program code causing a computer to classify a document according to contents of the document, comprising:

first program code means for inputting document data of the document;

second program code means for analyzing the document data so as to obtain analysis information;

third program code means for producing a document feature vector with respect to the document data based on the analysis information;

fourth program code means for calculating a representation transforming function used for projecting the document feature vector onto a space in which similarity between the document feature vectors is reflected;

fifth program code means for transforming the document feature vector by using the representation transforming function;

sixth program code means for classifying the document based on similarity between the document feature vectors transformed by the fifth program code means;

seventh program code means for storing a result of classification performed by the classification means;

sixteenth eighth program code means for designating an initial cluster centroid; and

seventeenth ninth program code means for registering the initial cluster centroid  
designated by the sixteenth eighth program code means,

wherein the document is classified in accordance with the initial cluster centroid  
registered by the seventeenth ninth program code means.

Claim 50 (New): A document classification system for classifying a document based  
on contents of the document of which contents contains a plurality of items which are *NM*  
irrespective of chapters, clauses, sentences and paragraphs of the document, said document  
classification system comprising: *Seq 5*  
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inputting means for inputting document data corresponding to the document;  
displaying means for displaying the items of the document data input by said  
inputting means;

designating means for designating at least one of the items displayed by said  
displaying means;

converting means for converting the document data into converted data so that the  
converted data contains only data corresponding to the item designated by said designating  
means; and

classifying means for classifying the document by using the converted data produced  
by said converting means.